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MESSAGE NOTES

When the Season Doesn't Change

John 4

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Many people feel like there's a new season, there's a new opportunity. And although a new season has been announced, people seem to feel stuck in the old season.

1. Alone at the Well

John 4:6 “Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. **It was about noon.**”

She wanted to avoid people so that she wouldn't have to explain why things in her life hadn't turned out well.

2. Living on Empty

When people feel hurt or disappointed, they often try to protect themselves from experiencing such feelings again.

C.S. Lewis wrote:

“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness...”

God didn't call you or me to be isolated. We were created for fellowship.

3. Unexpected - Good News

John 4:9 “The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)”

The Samaritan woman had expected to remain in isolation and loneliness, getting only what she needed and then leaving, but Jesus was there!

John 4:28 “Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, **29** “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

Application: If you feel like you're still stuck in the rain of the old season, open your eyes and see that Jesus is right there with you, even in the rain. Jesus wants to be with you.